



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Raymond A. Hull
Chair, House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Honorable Chairperson Hull and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to offer my full support for House Bill 5016, which would exempt from taxation the real and tangible personal property of the Providence Community Health Centers (“PCHC”) under Rhode Island General Law 44-3-3.

This legislation is crucially important to PCHC, a federal 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation that has served our city since 1968. PCHC provides quality primary health care services that are affordable, comprehensive and culturally sensitive to more than 65,000 residents from Providence and surrounding areas. They are the largest primary care provider in our city that treats everyone regardless of their ability to pay.

Additionally, as you are aware, PCHC has recently broken ground on a new health center location in Olneyville. This will be their ninth health center location, which allows them to better address the health and racial equity issues that the neighborhood faces. Over 14,000 residents will benefit from the new site, which will also bring 50 new full-time sustainably paying jobs. This legislation is vital to ensuring the success of this important project.

I strongly encourage you to support the health needs of the residents of Providence by supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Elorza".

Jorge O. Elorza
Mayor of Providence